



**Iowa Council for Early ACCESS  
Minutes  
May 18, 2007**

**Members Attending:**

Lana Michelson  
Mary Jane Brotherson  
Carolyn Nelson  
Pamela Parker  
Angela Burke Boston  
Gina Greene  
Glenn Baughman  
Jan Mackey  
Jane Borst  
Andrew Hall  
Kelly Hancock

Mary Stevens  
LaMark Combs

Shanell Wagner  
Scott Beall  
Troy McCarthy

Pablo Quintanilla

**Members Excused**

Maureen Schletzbaum  
Royann Mraz  
Pam Noel  
Dan Ellsberry  
Michael Fay  
Jeff Lobas  
Kyla Alba  
Barb Merrill  
Deb Sixta  
David Van Horn  
Mary Nelson  
Carrie Soddors

**Staff Attending**

Julie Curry  
Kelly Schulte  
Jeannie Cox  
Barb Khal  
Lisa Sharp  
Dann Stevens  
LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl

**Guests:**

Senator Daryl Beall  
Thomas Mayes

**Handouts:**

Early ACCESS Funding Sources  
AEA Part C Determinations for 2006-07

AEA Profile 07

AEA Profile 06

Glossary of Policy & Advocacy Terms

IDEA Part C Early Intervention: Twenty years of making a difference for young children and their Families

### **Call to Order**

Troy McCarthy called the meeting to order.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The March 16, 2007 minutes were approved with corrections.

### **Guest Speaker:**

Thomas Mayes, Iowa Department of Education Legal Consultant, presented an overview of the Part C proposed Regulations that are available for public comment to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP).

There are two areas that may prompt public comment:

1. The difference between “scientifically-based research” versus peer-reviewed research
2. Parent definition-may conflict with Department of Human Services definition

Every comment is considered and answered. Thomas shared “Tips for making comment”

1. Link the comment to the underlying Statute.
2. Explain why this is important to consider.
3. Propose the language to be changed and/or suggest a solution to the problem.

To make public comment, the following options include:

1. Sign up on areas of interest on newsprint
2. The Lead Agency will provide an opportunity for a conference call
3. Members are encouraged to participate in the Beach Center on Disability web process.
4. Public Policy committee will make comments for the council.
5. Sign up to receive a side-by-side comparison to make personal comment.

### **Executive Committee Update** – no update

### **Lead Agency Update – Lana Michelson**

This is the first year of legislation to support Statewide Voluntary Preschool Programs for four-year-olds. A timeline has been distributed for activities that will begin the process for districts to apply for funding.

The third week in October is designated Disability Awareness Week. There is a request for the Council to put together materials about Early ACCESS that would be distributed to families that week.

This is the first year Early ACCESS will receive state funding: 1) 1.3 million support AEA services to children; 2) \$421,000 will fund services provided by Child Health Specialty Clinics to medically fragile children.

The AEA data profiles were reviewed. There will be a need to set targets for the Early Childhood Outcomes for next year.

Part C Determinations were discussed, at this time all AEAs are in the “Meets Requirements” category.

### **Framework for Early ACCESS Finance – Julie Curry and Dann Stevens:**

A small group activity was set up by Dann Stevens for council members to give feedback to the Finance Committee on the list of interview questions for funding sources. The members were also asked to suggest who could be added to the interview list. The ultimate goal of the Finance Committee is to put together a comprehensive finance system to fund Early ACCESS services.

### **Family Supports and Services – Mary Jane Brotherson**

The article about Family Supports and Services has been published in the “Journal of Early Intervention.” The article explains that the focus has been on “how” services are delivered to families with less focus on “what” services are provided for families. A Family Summit was convened last year at the Beach Center to look into supporting legislation to put more importance on family supports and services. Also the knowledge base is very thin so a Community of Practice is being set up as a web-based system to gather information from families and providers. The vision is for there to be a place for families and others to share information so there can be a synthesis, then translation and ultimately a dissemination of that information.

### **Signatory Partner updates:**

Department of Public Health. Jane Borst announced that the new Division Lead is Tom Newton.

Kelly Schulte reported that Title V Service Coordination will begin June 1, 2007. There are 24 agencies with at least one required service coordinators, however, there will be 51 service coordinators trained. The Development Assessment for Young Children (DAYC) evaluation was chosen to complete a comprehensive evaluation of children exposed to Lead. The tools have been purchased and training provided.

Child Health Specialty. Barb Khal reported that the new state funds will allow statewide provision of nutrition services coordination and will eliminate additional work of contracts between CHSC and regional AEAs.

Pediatric Nurse Practitioners attended train the trainer session for Service Coordinator Module 5 (Infant & Toddler Development).

Department of Human Services – no report.

### **Committee Reports -**

Parent – The Group had a successful meeting last night. They discussed a zoo trip and baseball game to attend together on Saturday, August 18, 2007. Contact Kyla Alba at 712-322-9391 or 402-212-3415 for more information.

By laws – no report

Nominating – no report

Membership – The slate that is to go to the Governor for appointment to the council was shared and discussed. Four members will be reappointed.

Public Policy – no report

Governor's Report – The committee met before today's meeting to review the draft report. The committee would like the report to be completed this summer in time for the next Legislative session.

### **Sharing**

Julie Curry shared the “good news” report on Part C from IDEA Infant & Toddler Coordinators Association.

Pamela Parker said “Good Bye” to everyone on the council.

Mary Jane Brotherson announced that Susan Maude has accepted a position at Iowa State University.

Glenn Baughman thanked everyone for the opportunity to have served on the council.

Senator Beall thanked the council for including him today. He would like to make himself available for help with anything.

LaMark Combs organized a group of parents from the Davenport area to attend a legislative session to support funding for Early ACCESS. He has published and authored a book of poetry.

The next ICEA meeting will be on September 21, 2007. The new member Orientation will be in the evening of September 20, 2007. The council will continue to meet at Stoney Creek Inn.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:20pm.